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C. TELCON BETW RUSER AND ZIMMERMAN OF AUG 22, 1975

1. SUMMARY. WHILE EMBASSY AND CONSULATES WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO OBTAIN REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GOVERNOR'S PARTY, EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT GOVERNORS' ITINERARY BE RECONSIDERED AND THAT GOVERNORS VISIT BRASIL NOVEMBER 10-18 AS OUTLINED REFTEL B. FURTHER EXAMINATION SHOWS PROBLEM TO BE FAR GREATER THAN ACCOMMODATIONS -- ALTHOUGH EVEN THESE WILL CREATE SERIOUS DIFFICULTY AT LEAST IN BRASILIA. DAVID ROCKEFELLER ACCOMPANIED BY PARTY OF UP TO 150 PERSONS, INCLUDING CHASE MANHATTAN'S FULL BOARD AND INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN RIO NOVEMBER 15, PROCEEDING TO BRASILIA ON NOVEMBER 17, AND TO SAO PAULO NOVEMBER 19. THUS, UNDER PROPOSED ITINERARY, GOVERNORS' GROUP WOULD BE COMPETING THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY WITH CHASE MANHATTAN GROUP FOR ACCESS TO BRASILIAN LEADERS, PRESS COVERAGE, AND LOGISTICAL FACILITIES. THERE WOULD ALSO BE SPECIFIC

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CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULES FOR U.S. PERSONNEL IN RIO

AND BRASILIA. END SUMMARY.

2. CHASE MANHATTAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP ARE PLANNING TO VISIT NOVEMBER 15-19 UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE LAST MAY. GROUP WILL BE VISITING SAME THREE CITIES AS THE GOVERNORS. THE GROUP WILL ARRIVE IN RIO ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, TO SPEND THE WEEKEND IN RIO. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IN BRASILIA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, INCLUDES CALL ON PRESIDENT GEISEL, A LATE AFTERNOON BRIEFING SESSION WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL BANK, A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, A LADIES LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MRS. CRIMMINS, AND AN EVENING RECEPTION AT THE HOTEL NACIONAL HOSTED BY DAVID ROCKEFELLER.

3. CHASE GROUP THEN PLANS TO SPEND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, IN RIO, AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, IN SAO PAULO. MAJOR PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC EVENTS INCLUDE (A) IN RIO A PRESS CONFERENCE BY DAVID ROCKEFELLER. AND A STAG LUNCHEON GIVEN BY THE CHASE GROUP: AND (B) IN SAO PAULO A STAG LUNCH HOSTED JOINTLY BY THE FEDERATIONS OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, A COCKTAIL OFFERED BY THE CHASE GROUP FOR MAJOR CUSTOMERS, AND A DINNER HOSTED BY STATE OFFICIALS.

4. THE AMBASSADOR AND THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS MAY BE INVITED TO CERTAIN OF THESE EVENTS. FURTHERMORE, OUR EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT, FOLLOWING THE ROCKEFELLER RECEPTION IN BRASILIA MONDAY EVENING, A SECOND MAJOR RECEPTION THE FOLLOWING NIGHT IN HONOR OF THE GOVERNORS WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE ONLY POOR ATTENDANCE BY TOP GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

5. ACCOMMODATIONS AND LOGISTICS: EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ROCKEFELLER GROUP HAS BOOKED A MAJOR PORTION OF THE HOTEL NACIONAL'S AVAILABLE SPACE FOR ITS VISIT TO BRASILIA. HOTEL IS UNABLE TO CONFIRM SPACE AT THIS TIME; MANAGEMENT EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE GOVERNORS' GROUP BUT GROUP WOULD HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO ACCEPT ACCCOMMODATIONS OF LOWER QUALITY. DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS OF FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH MANAGEMENT, EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO SHIFT GOVERNORS' GROUP TO OTHER HOTEL SUCH AS TORRE PALACE OR EROB BRASILIA HOTEL. IN SAO PAULO, CONGEN HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN 20 DOUBLE ROOMS, INCLUDING TWO SUITES, FOR GOVERNORS AND PARTY AT SAO PAULO HILTON. ON THIS BASIS, NUMBERS OF ROOMS WHICH MAY ULTIMATELY BECOME AVAILABLE THROUGH FURTHER

CONGEN EFFORTS, MAY MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF GOVERNORS' PARTY AT HILTON. CHASE GROUP HAS ALREADY COMMITTED LARGE NUMBERS OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING DRIVERS AND CAR RENTALS, AND PROSPECTIVE SHORTAGE OF VEHICLES WOULD MAKE COORDINATION OF MULTI-HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOVERNORS' GROUP EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

6. AS WE HAVE SAID PREVIOUSLY, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT VISIT OF SEVEN GOVERNORS IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR WHICH WE WISH TO ENLIST THE FULL ATTENTION OF THE BRASILIAN LEADERSHIP AND PRESS, AND TO WHICH THE EMBASSY WISHES TO BE ABLE TO GIVE ITS FULL AND UNDIVIDED ATTENTION AND SUPPORT. WE THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE GOVERNORS' VISIT BRASIL NOVEMBER 10-18 AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL B. IRRESPECTIVE, HOWEVER, OF THE GOVERNORS DECISION, WE REQUEST SOONEST FULL DETAILS ON REQUIREMENTS SO THAT EMBASSY AND CONSULATES CAN FIRM UP ARRANGEMENTS.
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